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Kuipers Supports Transportation Funding for Local Projects

(LANSING) – State Senator Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, today announced his support for House Bill 4032, the Department of Transportation appropriations budget which reinstates funding for two local road projects.

“I am pleased the Senate today passed measures reaffirming funding for the Interstate 96/Chicago Drive and US 31 projects,” Kuipers, vice-chair of the Senate Transportation Committee said. “These projects are necessary to expedite commerce through West Michigan, eradicate safety concerns and increase tourism and visibility for our area.”

Earlier this year the Administration announced its plans to “defer” funding for 34 scheduled statewide road projects. Responding to the cry of local businesses and residents, Senator Kuipers conducted a public information hearing April 28 in Hudsonville to give residents an opportunity to voice their concerns.

The meeting brought forth the ire of local businesses and residents who stressed the need to reinstate funding for the two local projects. Among the concerns identified were the needs to swiftly move commercial traffic, increase access to Kent County Airport and alleviate motorists’ safety concerns.

“Completion of these projects is important to my constituents and I am pleased that my fellow Transportation Committee members helped make it happen,” concluded Kuipers.